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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RICE PRICES

1. AN IRAQI LAWYER REPRESENTING BRITISH PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY ASSOCIATION, LONDON, IN A LEGAL CASE INVOLVING A CANADIAN PACIFIC VESSEL IMPOUNDED SINCE FEBRUARY 1976, AT BASRA, CONTACTED USINT REQUESTING HELP IN OBTAINING RICE PRICES. THE CARGO ON THE CP VESSEL IS 16,070 TONS OF U.S. LONG GRAIN NO. 3 RICE PACKED IN 45 KILOGRAM BAGS, PURCHASED FROM CARGILL INTERNATIONAL THROUGH THEIR EUROPEAN SUBSIDIARY, TRADEX INTERNATIONAL, AND SHIPPED FROM PORT OF NEW ORLEANS IN FEBRUARY, 1976. THE RICE WAS CONDEMNED UPON ARRIVAL IN BASRA AND THE VESSEL IMPOUNDED. THE LAWYER REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING MARKET PRICES FOR THIS TYPE OF RICE FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY THROUGH JUNE 1976 INCLUSIVE. THE PURPOSE OF REQUEST IS TO ESTABLISH VALUE OF CARGO FOR LEGAL ACTION FORCING DISCHARGE OF CARGO AND RELEASE OF THE IMPOUNDED VESSEL. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, U.S. FIRMS
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ARE NOT RPT NOT INVOLVED IN THIS CASE BUT WE RECOMMEND INFORMATION BE PROVIDED IF READILY AVAILABLE TO ASSIST LOCAL ATTORNEY KNOWN TO USINT.

2. IF UNABLE TO PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION, PLEASE SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE SOURCE.
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